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FOLLOWING REPEAT MANAMA 129 ACTION SECSTATE DTD 30 JAN

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TAGS : OTRA, CPAS, CH

SUBJECT : TRAVEL TO PRC BY USDESEA TOUR GROUP

REFS : A. A-45, 3 JAN 1975

B. A-4085, 10 MAY 1973

1. GROUP OF AMCIT TEACHERS EMPLOYED BY DOD - USDESEA AND WORKING AT BAHRAIN SCHOOL DESIRES TRAVEL TO PRC ON PACKAGE TOUR ARRANGED BY PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS (PIA). TOUR WOULD DEPART BAHRAIN ON 23 MARCH 1975. ACTUAL TIME PERIOD GROUP WILL BE IN PRC IS 25 MARCH - 4 APRIL 1975. PIA PROPOSES SEND PASSPORTS AND VISA APPLICATIONS TO PRC EMBASSY IN ISLAMABAD VIA PIA COURIER DURING FIRST WEEK MARCH 75. PER OUR SUGGESTION, COMIDEASTFOR (U.S. SENIOR IN-COUNTRY MILITARY COMMAND) SENT MSG TO DOD WASHINGTON REQUESTING ADVISORY OPINION ON THIS TRAVEL BY DOD CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES ON 8 JAN 1975. NO REPLY RECEIVED AS YET.

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2. REF A AIRGRAM JUST RECEIVED MANAMA, AND PREVIOUS AIRGRAMS ON

TRAVEL OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH EMPLOYEES TO PRC NOT IN OUR FILES.
IN ABSENCE GUIDANCE REF. AIR"6., WE DID NOT ADVISE DEPT OF
PROPOSED TRAVEL, AND MADE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION TO EFFECT THAT
COMIDEASTFOR SHOULD QUERY DOD DIRECTLY. PRESUMABLY DOD HAS RAISED
QUESTION WITH DEPARTMENT.

3. TIME IS NOW IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION, AND USDEASEA - EMPLOYED
TEACHERS HAVE COMPLIED WITH SPIRIT OF DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTION BY
NOTIFYING US AUTHORITIES WELL IN ADVANCE OF TRAVEL PLANS. IF
30 DAY PERIOD, BEGUN WITH DATE OF THIS MSG, IS REQUIRED BEFORE
SUBMISSION OF VISA APPLICATIONS, TRAVEL WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE.
FYI, TEACHERS INTEND TAKE TOUR DURING EASTER VACATION.

NAMES OF TEACHERS AS FOLLOWS:

MISS JANET SMITH
MISS PRISCILLA BELANGER
MISS SALLY DEJARNATT
MRS. JANE LARSON
MR. ROGER LARSON
GREGOR LARSON (INFANT)
MR. DANIEL BECKETT
MRS. DIXIE SHEPHERD
MR. WILLIAM SHEPHERD
MISS HOPE SHEPHERD (13 YRS)
MASTER BRETT SHEPHERD (5 YRS)
MISS MARY DOHERTY
MISS ISABEL ORR
MRS. BONNIE KOVACS
MRS. BARBARA TROUTMAN
MRS. GAILE G. MILLER
MRS. KATHRYN GREATRIX
MR. GEORGE KOVACS
MR. CLYDE BATTON
MR. ROGER LINNETT
MRS. PATRICIA LINNETT
MR. KENNETH PETERSEN
MR. JOEL LONDON
MISS CHARLOTTE POTTER
MISS JANE ABRAHAMSON
MISS CAROLYN KATO
MISS BARBARA BONNAVIAT
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MRS. RUTH MCCUTCHAN
MR. KARL MCCUTCHAN
MISS. CAROLYN ANDERSON
MR. LARRY WALL
MRS. ELIZABETH WALL
MASTER JAMES LANCASTER (12 YRS)
MASTER LANCE LANCASTER (11 YRS)

4. REQUEST FOLLOWING DEPT ACTION AND CONCURRENCE:

- A) COULD DEPT CONTACT DOD (USDESEA) TO REQUEST PRIORITY REPLY TO COMIDEASTFOR REQUEST FOR OPINION ON TRAVEL:
- B) IF DOD HAS NO OBJECTIONS THAT WOULD PREVENT TRAVEL, REQUEST DEPT CONSIDER THAT 30-DAY NOTIFICATION PERIOD SATISFIED BY ABOVE REQUEST TO DOD, AND THAT TRAVELERS MAY PROCEED WITH SCHEDULE OUTLINED PARA ONE.

5. PER REF A, WILL RECOMMEND ALL OF ABOVE GROUP TRAVEL ON OFFICIAL PPTS, WHILE MAKING CLEAR ON VISA APPLICATIONS THAT TRAVEL IS IN PRIVATE CAPACITY.

6. REQUEST REPLY SOONEST. TWINAM UNQTE KISSINGER

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